

# HOW TO APPLY

## Application Requirements

### To apply you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a graduate of an ASHP-Accredited PGY1 Residency Program
- Be a licensed pharmacist in any state
- Adhere to the rules of the resident matching program process
- Be available for a virtual interview

Applicants must submit their application materials using PhORCAS, the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service. Mailed or emailed applications will NOT be accepted.



### Applications must include:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation using the standardized reference form in PhORCAS
- Official transcript

### Applications must be submitted by January 2nd



If you have any questions about the program or application requirements, please contact:

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# VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

## PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency



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# PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency at VA Connecticut

## FACILITY OVERVIEW



The VA Connecticut (VACT) Healthcare System serves more than 50,000 veterans who reside in Connecticut and Southern New England. VACT provides primary, secondary, and tertiary care in medicine, geriatrics, neurology, psychiatry, surgery, and other specialty areas. As part of the VA New England Healthcare System, VACT is comprised of an inpatient facility in West Haven and two ambulatory care centers in West Haven and Newington, as well as six primary care Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) located in outlying areas of the state in Danbury, New London, Orange, Stamford, Waterbury, Willimantic, and Winsted. The West Haven Campus has a 150-bed hospital, providing acute medical, surgical, and psychiatric care. The Newington Campus is a center for ambulatory care and diagnostic procedures. The CBOC's provide Primary Care to veterans in outlying parts of the state. VACT conducts research in psychiatry, oncology, medicine, surgery, neurology, and related basic sciences.

Major affiliations include the Yale University School of Medicine, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and School of Dentistry. VACT is also affiliated with the University of Connecticut (UConn), University of St. Joseph (USJ), Western New England University (WNEU), and the University of Rhode Island (URI) Schools of Pharmacy.

VACT currently has 6 PGY1 Pharmacy Residents, 1 PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident, and 1 PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident.



## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The purpose of the PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency at VACT is to develop a pharmacy practitioner with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage the complex care needs for older individuals throughout the healthcare continuum. The primary focus of the residency is to provide training on geriatric pharmacy management principles. In addition, the resident will also gain experience in managing important functional, behavioral, and social determinants common in older adults. The pharmacy resident will train in a variety of settings including home based primary care, ambulatory care, acute care, and community living center. Upon completion of the PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency, the pharmacy resident will be qualified to become board certified in geriatric pharmacy and to practice independently as a geriatric pharmacist.

### General Information

- **Duration/Type:** 12 mo/residency
- **Number of Positions:** 1
- **Starting Date:** July 1
- **Estimated Stipend:** \$58,905
- **Interview Required:** Yes
- **Training Site Type:** VA Medical Center (inpatient and outpatient care)
- **Owner Affiliate:** Federal Government
- **Model Type(s):** Teaching
- **Patients Enrolled:** 50,000
- **Tax Status:** Nonprofit
- **Number of Medical Centers:** 1 hospital and 2 ambulatory care clinic sites, and 7 community-based clinics
- **Total Beds:** 150 (Average census: 120)

### Benefits

The residency program begins July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and ends June 30<sup>th</sup> of the subsequent year. VACT Healthcare System will hire the resident as a 1-year term employee entitled to the following benefits:

- Accrued annual leave (vacation) and sick leave
- Paid Federal holidays
- Health and Life Insurance: Pharmacy residents are eligible to participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) and the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) Programs.

## RESIDENCY STRUCTURE

VACT has a diverse and highly trained clinical pharmacy staff, including multiple Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacists (BCGP). Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners (CPP) have a scope of practice that allows for prescriptive authority. The variety of geriatric opportunities will allow for a well rounded experience and can be targeted to the residents specific interests.

### Required Rotations

- Orientation
- Geriatrics Consult Service
- Community Living Center (CLC)
- Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Geropsychiatry
- Hospice/Palliative Care
- Professional Development
- Inpatient Staffing
- Medication Use Evaluation
- Longitudinal Research Project
- Precepting

Other elective learning experiences may be developed based on resident interest and preceptor availability.

## GERIATRIC PHARMACY AT VACT

Geriatric Consult Service: Focuses on the care of geriatrics patients in both an inpatient and outpatient setting for geriatrics-related concerns.

Community Living Center (CLC): The CLC is an inpatient unit that specializes in long term care, rehabilitation, respite and hospice/palliative care.

Home Based Primary Care (HBPC): HBPC provides comprehensive, interdisciplinary, primary care for homebound patients with complex medical, social, and behavioral conditions for whom routine clinic-based care is not feasible.

Geropsychiatry: Geropsychiatry provides psychiatric care to a broad range of older veterans.

Hospice/Palliative Care: Hospice/Palliative Care provides treatment that relieves suffering and helps to control symptoms in a way that respects personal, cultural, and religious beliefs and practices.